

**Graduate and Professional Students Association**  
**Graduate Assembly Meeting**  
Eleventh Legislature – Fifth Regular Session  
2:00 P.M. January 17, 2014  
Wrigley Hall L1 – Arizona State University, Tempe Campus

Minutes

Present:

Adrian Chavez, Katherine Brown, Jorge Mancillas, Heather Kropp, Jennifer Jermaine, Jillian Childress, Samantha Wildman, Deborah Ayodele, Andrew Waldron, Emily McIvor, Parth Nagarkar, Venu Garikapati, Amelia Topper, Nadem Yel, Kerrie-Anne Wilkins, Robert Schmitz, Megan Fisk, German Cadenas

By Proxy:

Daniel Barusch, Kimberley Davidson (Adam Monroe), Brittney Hasselwood (Bobby Abdallah), Parth Nagarkar (Tej Reddy)

Absent:

Jason Striker

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 2:06 PM.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

Ayodele motioned to amend names as listed in attendance list. Seconded by Garikapati. Passed Unanimously.

**III. Amendments to the Agenda**

Schmitz requests that we be able to suspend the rules and allow speakers the opportunity to speak as they arrive. No opposition.

**IV. Call to the Audience**

**a. Tempe Councilmember Granville**

President Fisk introduced the councilmember who is a three time ASU graduate and former USG and GPSA member. He explained his background and how he got involved with the Tempe city government. He has a longtime commitment and desire to find some sort of middle ground between ASU, the Tempe Police, students, and residents. Several programs were spoken about including bait bikes, parties and noise complaint enforcement, and more as well as issues with buses and jurisdiction. For further questions email: kolby\_granville@tempe.gov.

**b. Todd Halverson, New York Times**

Gave a presentation on online New York Times subscriptions for academic research. Proposed that GPSA buy a subscription or a series of subscriptions for use

by graduate students. Pricing plans varied by number of accounts and duration. Prior research showed that when USG Tempe bought NYT print subscriptions most users were graduate students. Left the information for further discussion by assembly.

## **V. Executive Reports**

### **a. Robert Schmitz, Acting Assembly President**

Explained that former Assembly President James Alling had stepped down. Schmitz will be acting as Assembly President until a special election can be held. Discussion as to when a Special Session would be held was delayed until Graduate Student Forum.

### **b. Megan Fisk, President**

Talked about speakers and the opportunity for more if the Assembly wants. Waldron recommended imposing a time limit as our speakers did go pretty long. Fisk spoke again about raising the graduate student programming fee. She wanted to open a discussion with the student body, possibly put together a committee to come up with a proposal for the student body as a whole. She asked people to speak with their constituencies and their school deans. She also explained out student health insurance could be going up soon and that she would open discussion on that during open forum. The rest of her report will be made available online.

### **c. Lisa Lacy, Vice President of Internal Affairs**

Tej Reddy proxying for Lisa Lacy.  
See report online for travel grant funding updates.

### **d. German Cadenas, Vice President of External Affairs**

Cadenas spoke about their advocacy awards program and that they have been giving away a good \$2000 in related awards. The Clinton Global Initiative is also coming to ASU soon in conjunction with the Dream Zone program. They are currently planning: an open access week in coordination with the ASU libraries, a national day of action regarding student debt, and a national day of action regarding immigration reform. Governor Brewer is supporting a four year tuition freeze which is currently under discussion. GPSA will also be supporting an ASA day lobbying at the capitol on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 1 PM.

### **e. Jason Striker, Vice President of Professional Development**

Nothing presented.

## **VI. External Reports**

Upcoming social event at the Tempe Center of the Arts on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII. USG Report**

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

## **IX. Old Business**

## **X. New Business**

a. AB #24: AN ACT to Approve the GSO February Funding Cycle  
Waldron brought up concerns expressed by Nagakar before he had to leave regarding including ticketed events, charity events, and requests made without student assembly member representation. Jermaine expressed support for the dance event since there was a student discount. However, further discussion revealed that the GPSA money would be used for “advertising” an even that was already being advertised all around the city and was not specifically geared towards students. While Schmitz explained that we do frequently pay for event advertising the Assembly decided this was something else entirely and declined to fund the event.

When asked to discuss funding ‘Epoch Times’ – a newspaper printed in server languages – the Assembly found that it was printed entirely for free online. There was little incentive, then, to fund the ‘event’ especially when the cost would rival that of the New York Times subscriptions discussed earlier in the meeting. The Assembly decided not to fund this event.

After Wildman called for some formatting changes, the bill was called to question by Reddy and seconded by Brown. It passed as amended.

## **XI. Graduate Student Forum**

Discussed special session for election for Assembly President and set the date and time for two weeks from this current meeting. Wilkins was asked to accept applications for AP which would be due by 5PM next Friday. Applications – including a brief statement and resume – should be emailed to [kgwilkin@asu.edu](mailto:kgwilkin@asu.edu).

Fisk asked for volunteers for her committee on raising the student fee.

Brown asked for support for opposing Hayden’s decision to move collections out of their basement to provide additional study space which makes various resources and journals unavailable to students or difficult to access.

## **XII. Announcements**

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 4:32 PM.